

Cracklin' Static

December 2017 Edition



Breakfast Meeting – Sat, Feb 3rd

Boomtown Casino Hotel
Events Center
I-80 at Exit 4 in Verdi

Breakfast Buffet – 7:30am - \$12
General Meeting – 8:00am

Featured Presentation

Dave Telling, KJ7WT will present on
FT-8 digital mode

SNARS NOON NET – Weekdays
12:00PM - SNARS Linked Systems
<http://snars.org/nets>

SNARS NET on DMR – Tuesday 8pm
DMR Talk Group: 31328 SNARS

SNARS Treasury – Ending Dec 31

Checking:	\$4835.00
Savings:	\$5302.00
PayPal:	\$4071.00
Self Insurance:	\$610.00
Convention Fund:	\$8395.00
Total	\$23,213.00

SNARS Membership – ending Dec 31

Technician:	119
General:	99
Advanced:	19
Extra:	111

SNARS Members	348
ARRL Members	235

President's Voice



President Anthony Marcin, W7XM

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Welcome to February!! Time is really flying and as well keeping busy with our State Convention this year in July, our first entry into the NVQSO party and of course Field Day. As

we work on these exciting events I am calling on members this year to help out with other areas such as Public Information Officer, Membership Coordinator, Elmers and Training. I would like to advance our club a bit more by providing regular trainings, support those in the amateur radio community when they have questions and to further provide support to our members. If you are willing and have some time, please let me know. You can email me at w7xm@snars.org or drop by one of the meetings to learn a bit more of the roles and what is expected. If you have any other ideas we are open to those as well of what we should be looking at doing next.

NVCON planning is coming along. We now have 4 vendors signed up with many more planned to sign up soon. We are also working on the lineup of forum presenters and introducing something new to the event called Table Talk where a group of 8 to 10 people will be able to have a more one-on-one like setting with a subject expert person in the selected topics. We feel this will allow those with specific questions to be able to have more time with a moderator/Subject expert person rather than sitting in a presentation like environment. We also launched our new website for the convention at <http://nvcon.org>. We will be adding content regularly so take a moment and visit the site. Also encourage those all interested in the event to follow the Facebook page at <http://facebook.com/nvcon>.



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SNARS Wide Area Linked System

147.030 + PL 123.0	Sparks, Fernley, Fallon	Online
147.210 + PL 100.0	Reno, Sparks	Online
147.150 + PL 123.0	Lake Tahoe, Truckee, Carson	Online
146.925 - PL 123.0	Lovelock, Fallon	Online
146.670 - PL 123.0	Winnemucca	Online
444.875 + PL 100.0	Yerington	Online
444.125 + PL 123.0	Reno Sparks	Offline

DMR Systems

444.925 + CC 1	Reno, Sparks	Online
444.825 + CC 1	Dayton, Fallon, Carson	Online
443.925 + CC 1	Lake Tahoe, Truckee, Carson	Online
443.950 + CC 1	Incline Village	Online
442.875 + CC 1	Sparks, Fernley, Fallon	Online
442.850 + CC 1	Downtown Reno	Online
441.950 + CC 1	Fallon, Fernley	Offline

Fusion Systems

146.610 - PL 123.0	Reno, Carson, Dayton	Online
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IRLP / EchoLink Systems

147.300 + PL 123.0	Reno, Sparks	Online
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Packet / APRS

145.050 - RNO	Reno, Carson, Dayton	Online
145.050 - ROSE	Lake Tahoe, Truckee, Carson	Online
144.390 - TOULON	Lovelock, Fallon	Online

Standalone Systems

147.390 + PL 100.0	Reno, Carson, Dayton	Online
443.075 + PL 123.0	Reno, Carson, Dayton	Online
927.0875 + PL 114.8	Reno, Carson, Dayton	Online

Online
 Offline
 Not Linked

Thank you to our Sponsors/Supporters



Weekday on the SNARS Linked System

147.030 + PL 123 – Sparks/Fernley
 147.150 + PL123.0 – Lake Tahoe / Truckee
 147.210 + PL 100.0 - Reno
 444.875 + PL 100.0 - Yerington
 146.925 - 123.0 – Lovelock / Fallon
 146.67 – PL 123.0 - Winnemucca

Monday through Friday @ 12:00pm

Open to all amateur radio operators. A general informational net for the amateur radio community of Northern Nevada and Eastern California. Radio Checks and Questions are welcomed.

Nets on the SNARS Linked Systems

147.210 + 100.0 | 147.030 + 123.0 | 147.150 + 123.0
 147.670 – 123.0 | 146.925 – 123.0 | 444.875 + 100.0

Bishops Storehouse Net	Monday @ 9:15pm
N. Western NV ARES Net	Monday at 7:30pm
Northern Nevada Preppers Net	Wednesday @ 8:00PM
Hospital Net	Friday @ 10:00AM

Nets on IRLP (GSR) System

Repeater: 147.300 + 123.0

Amateur Radio Newsline	Monday - 8:00PM
Nevada Skywarn Net	Wednesday - 7:00pm
Nevada State ARES Net	Thursday - 7:00PM

Nets on Simplex/HF

Jefferson Noon Net	7.204 LSB	Daily - 12:00pm
6 Meter Net	50.350 USB	Tuesday – 8:00pm
2 Meter Week Signal	144.250 USB	Wednesday - 8:00PM
2 Meter Simplex Net	146.500 FM	Thursday – 8:00PM
10 Meter Net	28.350 USB	Sunday – 2:00PM

SNARS Weekly DMR Net – Tuesdays
8:00PM

SNARS Talk Group 31328

Open to Members and Guests. A general information net each week on DMR.

SNARS CALENDAR

One Day Ham Review Saturday, Feb 17, 2018
 Washoe REOC 5195 Spectrum Blvd Reno, NV
 Visit <http://snars.org/classes> for more information on the One Day Ham Review / Ham Cram (pre-registration is a MUST!)

Reno QRP Monthly Meeting
Monday, February 19, 11:30am – 12:30pm
 Alamo Casino Truck Stop in Sparks
 Contact Gordon WB6JAD for more information

SNARS Board of Directors Mtg Wed, Feb 21, 6pm – 7pm
 Washoe County REOC, 5195 Spectrum Blvd Reno, NV

Next SNARS Breakfast Meeting – Sat, March 3, 8 AM
 Boomtown Casino Hotel Events Center
 I-80 at Exit 4 in Verdi

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

JANUARY, 2018

Richard Meacham	K7RPP
Mark Morgan	KG7BOG
Robert Noack	KI7TDP
Michael Wall	WM6K
Mary Wall	K6MPW
Josh Pollock	KI7TLX

THE NAME OF THE GAME

Jim Shepherd, W6US nvjims@gmail.com

LOGBOOK OF THE WORLD AND “THE BUREAU”

So you have had fun playing on the recent DX, VHF contests and the Sweepstakes, now what? If you haven't uploaded your logs to the Logbook of the World, you may be missing out on some earned awards! The current International Grid Zone Chase is solely being run on LOTW.

Logbook of the World (LOTW) is a free app that lets you easily send and receive confirmed electronic QSLs. With the increasing cost of postage and the elimination of the International Reply Coupons it is harder to get that confirmation from that rare DX or grid square. LOTW allows you to electronically upload your log and then matches the QSOs with the ones uploaded from other hams. Most of the DXpeditions and contest stations are uploading their logs after the end of the event, and as soon as you start uploading, their QSLs will start showing up in your account.

It is easy to sign up for this program. First of all, make sure your address is current with the FCC. LOTW uses your address from the FCC database to authenticate your application. Then go to <https://lotw.arrl.org/lotw-help/installation/> and download the TQSL application. Following the instructions, you will then need to request an initial certificate from the ARRL. They will send you a postcard to your FCC address that will have an 8 digit “postcard password” that you will send back on the computer that you will be using for logging. You can set several computers up with this program, so be sure to follow the instructions and save that postcard! You will shortly get an email from the ARRL with your LOTW password and a certificate file. Run the TQSL application and follow the instructions to upload the certificate and you are almost ready to go. Be sure to put the date you received that call as your starting date for logging.

You will have to enter ‘locations’ for your radio operations. Your normal station location should be the first location, but if you decided to go down to Quartzsite, AZ for the winter, you would also want to set up that location. If you have a previous Callsign, you will want to get another certificate for the date range that you had that license—someone else may have that license now and you do not want to get their QSLs.

Once you get all this done, it is time to start entering your logs. All the electronic logging programs are designed to output an ADIF file. You can set the time period for that output and this will allow you to enter that file in the correct station location in LOTW. For instance, if you went to Quartzsite for the months of January and February, you would want to output that ADIF file for those two months. Then you can upload that file to the Quartzsite location in your LOTW application. You can then upload the files from March 1

until December 1 to another ADIF and send that to LOTW for your home location. You can also upload an ADIF from your contest logger at the same time you are producing your Cabrillo file for submission to the contest sponsors.

A couple of hours after you upload the ADIF file, your QSOs should show up in LOTW. Also, all of the QSLs from other hams to you will be automatically added to your account showing confirmed contacts. It also automatically updates your DXCC, WAS, VUCC, WPX and Grid Chase award totals.

You may suddenly realize that you are only a couple of states away from getting that Worked All States award. The WPX award, which is for working different Callsign prefixes, is another award that sneaks up on you. Several club members have received their DXCC award using LOTW. They also break out all of the possible endorsements to the awards like CW, Digital and single bands.

You will probably want to upload your log at least monthly, and after any contests you may participate in. You can do a quick search to see what has been confirmed in the last month, and I was surprised this month to find a few new ones from back in 2012 and 2014 from hams who either were new to LOTW, or finally got around to uploading. It is kinda like getting an envelop from the Bureau...

The ARRL QSL Bureau handles incoming and outgoing QSL cards for DX stations. For ARRL members, they have a great bargain for sending out cards to foreign countries. For a \$7.00 basic fee and \$1.15 per ounce (there are about 9 cards per ounce) or part thereof, you can send cards to stations around the world and you don't need to even know their address. A pound and a half of cards would cost \$34.60 for approximately 225 cards—the cost for sending them yourself by mail would be \$258.75... For more details, see their website at <http://www.arrl.org/outgoing-qsl-service>

If you are working some DX, you will also want to make sure you have some envelopes or credit with the incoming QSL Bureau. The Bureaus are set up by your number in your Callsign. For a 7 call sign, the bureau is: [Willamette Valley DX Club Inc](#) PO Box 5993, Boring, OR 97009, and you can get more information from them about how to claim your cards.

Whatever way you use for QSLs, these can help you. The LOTW seems to have reached the critical mass for participation. I am currently seeing over a 60% return on my QSOs, and even higher rates off of the current contests and using FT8.

Get out there and have fun logging some contacts!

Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club's

Hamfest 2018

Saturday, March 17th

First swap of the year - Rain or Shine
Historic Loomis Train Depot Plaza
5775 Horseshoe Bar Road, Downtown Loomis

This is our 4th year for a Hamfest,
Meet & Greet everyone, visit the
ARRL Booth, Buy Drawing tickets
there are hourly drawings and the
Big Prize toward the end of the day.



Hot coffee and Donuts - lunch deal
at Taylor's, SFARC Club table with
radio demonstrations, Elmer Tours
Talk-in: 145.430 pl 162.2 Parking is
free for Buyers starts at 7am - Noon

SFARC is an ARRL Affiliated and Special Service Club. ARRL is the National Organization
representing Amateur Radio Operators Stop by the ARRL Booth and visit the W6EK Club table



Talk-in • W6EK/r 145.430 PL162.2Hz • Talk-in

SNARS LOGO ITEMS

This year we are celebrating our 50th year by providing many ways to commemorate this occasion by imprinted our 50th



Stickers \$1.00 Each



16oz Coffee Mugs \$8.00



Hats \$10.00



Club Badge \$15.00

Order at
<http://snars.org/store/badge-order>

Items are available at the monthly meetings, events or online (coming soon) <http://snars.org/store>

MIKE'S MISSIVES CHAPTER THIRTY TWO

Mike Katz, N7MSK

PART 97.119 --- Station ID rules

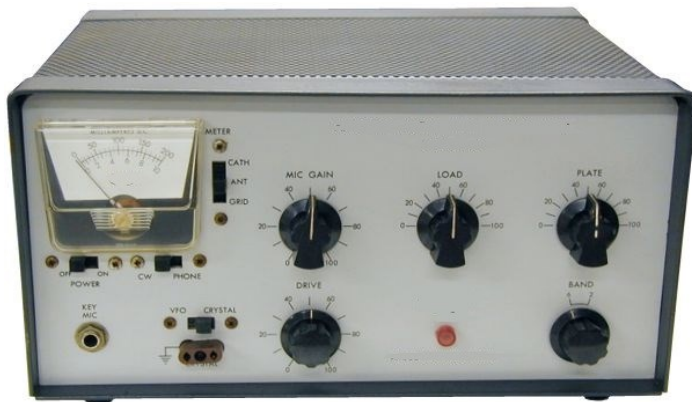
Part 97.119 states a station "must transmit its assigned call sign on its transmitting channel at the end of each communication, and at least every ten minutes during a communication, for the purpose of clearly making the source of the transmission from the station known to those receiving the transmission."

To be practical, when checking into a net or establishing contact with a station, you are likely to identify by sending/announcing your call sign. But after establishing contact, you need only send your assigned station ID every 10 minutes if you are actively involved in the communications.

Let's say you are part of a roundtable net. You stated your call sign when you joined the net but you've been simply listening ever since. Now it's your turn to speak. If 10 or more minutes have passed, you must identify again. If not, you can begin talking without the need to ID.

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NAME THAT RIG



(answer on page 8)

FUN STUFF FOR FEBRUARY

Looking for some excitement on the bands during February? There's something for everyone on the air!

The contests in **bold** may qualify for the ARRL club contest competition.

3 Feb 0001 to 4 Feb 2359 28 10-10 International Winter Contest, SSB www.ten-ten.org/

4 Feb 0000 to 4 Feb 0400 3.5-14 North American Sprint, CW ncjweb.com/Sprint-Rules.pdf

10 Feb 0000 to 11 Feb 2359 3.5-28 CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest I www.cqwpxrty.com

12 Feb 1300 to 16 Feb 2359 All (noWARC) ARRL School Club Roundup CW Ph www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup

17 Feb 0000 to 18 Feb 2359 1.8-28 ARRL International DX Contest, CW www.arrl.org/arrl-dx

18 Feb 1300 to 21 Feb 0800 1.8-144 Classic Exchange, Phone www.classicexchange.org

23 Feb 2200 to 25 Feb 2200 1.8 CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB Ph www.cq160.com/rules.htm

24 Feb 1800 to 25 Feb 0559 3.5-28 North American QSO Party, RTTY Dig www.ncjweb.com

A complete list of contests is available at:

<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest%20Corral/2018/February%202018%20Corral.pdf>

If you're not into contests, there's always DX to chase, and February has tons of good ones! Some of the better DX operations coming up in February:

Feb 01 to Feb 05 Palau **T8XS**

Feb 01 to Feb 07 Papua New Guinea **P29VXG**

Feb 01 to Feb 28 Senegal **6W**

Feb 09 to Feb 12 Isle of Man **MT0IXD**

Feb 09 to Feb 16 Gambia **C5DX**

Feb 13 to Feb 20 Morocco **CN2**

Feb 13 to Feb 21 Palau **T8**

Feb 17 to Feb 27 New Caledonia **FK**

Feb 20 to Feb 28 Benin **TY1TT**

Feb 21 to Feb 28 Mariana Is **KH0**

Feb 23 to Mar 16 Rotuma **3D2EU**

Feb 24 to Feb 27 Solomon Is **H44YM**

Feb 26 to Mar 06 Vietnam **XV9HL**

Feb 27 to Mar 13 Temotu **H40YM**

Visit <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html> for current info and full lists!

HF OPERATORS NEEDED!!!

This year, the SNARS Club will be participating in 4 major HF activities. These are the 7th area QSO party, Field Day, NVCON, and the Nevada QSO party.

The 7QP is the first event, and it is held May 5-6 this year. This contest needs every county in Nevada to be activated on CW, Phone, and Digital so there really needs to be lots of hams out into the rural counties to really make this fun for all. The Digital will primarily be on RTTY and PSK, but since each station can be worked once per band per mode, not having digital can give up a third of the possible contacts. Tom, K5RC, is the Coordinator for Nevada and you can get more information at <http://ws7n.net/7qp/new/Page.asp?Content=start> This will be a great warm-up for the Nevada QSO Party in October!

Next up is Field Day. Rob Dunbar is running the event this year and we will be down at Washoe Lake State Park at the Group Area by the Boat Ramp. It will be held June 22-24 and there will be a need for stations and operators. Contact Rob at robdunbar@outlook.com if you can help! Watch for more articles on Field Day in the coming months!

SNARS will be running the Nevada State Amateur Radio Convention (NVCON) July 20-22 at Boomtown. We will have a couple of stations set up to demo and get others to try ham radio. We will also be handling the 'Talk In' on the main repeater system. We will need operators to cover the operation during the entire convention. There will be one of the club's FT-450 radios equipped with a mic and key, and an Elecraft K3s with panadapter for voice and digital. If you are interested in helping for a few hours, contact Jim, W6US at nvjims@mail.com.

The final big event of the year will be the Nevada QSO Party on October 12-14. Like the 7QP, we will need operators out in the field in every county in Nevada. This also will have mode breakouts for Phone, CW, and Digital for each band as well as allowing for VHF contacts. We will shortly have a county and mode signup sheet and more information on the website at <http://nvqso.com/>.

NAME THAT RIG

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The **Ameco** company, a division of Aerotron out of Raleigh NC was a fairly popular company in the mid-late 60s and early 70s, particularly with the VHF crowd, pre-repeaters. Their **TX-62 VHF transmitter** for 6 and 2 meters was an inexpensive yet fairly well made unit with a respectable 75 watts input (about 50W out) for both AM phone and CW. It was crystal controlled, common in that era as crystals were pretty cheap. The TX-62 used six tubes, with a 7984 output tube, unusual in that it was of the "compactron" style, popular in TV work, but not often found in ham radios. Nonetheless, it worked, and rather well. The TX-62 modulation was very clean, comparable to high level plate modulation in performance but without the high cost. Ameco also made a matching VFO, the VFO-621. Ameco was also noted for an extensive line of high quality HF and VHF preamps and converters, and for the AC-1 Novice HF transmitter, a simple one tube affair. The company never caught on with the repeater technology scene, and disappeared from the ham repertoire in the 1970s.

Note from Jim Shepherd W6US on last month's Heath DX-40:

Liked the Heathkit 40---We modified one in high school for the broadcast band and set up a carrier current radio station that covered the school (and a little more, but that is another story). We ran the 6146 at a dull orange color playing the best of the early '60 R&R, jazz, and even classical....

We did go through a number of tubes, but it was cold in the basement room and that was the only heat.... We had one spectacular failure when a drain pipe above the transmitter started to leak when the showers in the dorm were in use--it happened during a rock song with the line 'splish, splash was taking a bath...'

Signal seemed well confined to the school area and all was well until we got a note from a listener in San Louis Obispo...we were located just east of Carpinteria, about 90 miles away.... Our listener was wondering why she could only get the station on the radio by her telephone..... A quick survey by bicycle found that we were strong by the CO in Carpinteria, and by any exposed phone wiring.... Upon analysis of our RF distribution, we discovered that we had about a quarter wavelength of coax in the same conduit as the main trunk phonelines for the school... a few dozen .01 caps and improving the ground for the phone company demark (it was loose....) cut our signal off of the property to below the sensitivity of the current crop of consumer radios... we lost some listeners, but kept out of trouble with the FCC....

ARES NEWS

ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS CALENDAR 2018 CARSON VALLEY, TAHOE, RENO, PLUMAS COUNTY

EVENT 2018	DATE	DATE END	SPONSOR/ ORGANIZER	COORDINA- TOR	CONTACT
Silver State 50/50 race	5/19/18		Silver State Striders	Steve KS6A	ks6a@sbcglobal.net
Indian Valley Century Bicycle Ride	5/26/18		Plumas ARC	Larry Trotter KI6YUK	dltrttr@sbcglobal.net
Lost and Found Gravel Grinder SBTS	6/2/18		Plumas ARC	Brian KJ6EAC	brianv@psln.com
America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride	6/3/18		Tahoe Amateur Radio Assn	Paul McCaffee KI6OCB	paul.mcafee6243@gmail.com
Pony Express Re-Ride	6/20/2018	6/30/18	SIERA	Jeff Cauhape K7BCV	j_cauhape@yahoo.com
FIELD DAY	6/23/18	6/24/18	SNARS	Jim Shepherd, W6US	nvjims@gmail.com
FIELD DAY	6/23/18	6/24/18	SIERA,	Bob Williams KA6VOC	ka6voc@gmail.com
Death Ride	7/14/18		Tahoe Amateur Radio Assn	Paul McCaffee KI6OCB	paul.mcafee6243@gmail.com
Tahoe Rim Trail	7/20/18	7/22/18	Tahoe Mountain Milers	Bob Miller WA6MTY	wa6mtv@gbis.com
NVCON 2018	7/20/18	7/22/18	SNARS	Tony W7XM	w7xm@snars.org
Round Valley Walk/Run	TBD		Plumas ARC	Larry Trotter KI6YUK	dltrttr@sbcglobal.net
Running With the Bears	8/18/18		Plumas ARC	Larry Trotter KI6YUK	dltrttr@sbcglobal.net
Vegas to Reno Off Road Race	8/17/18	8/18/18	Best in the Desert Racing Assn	Keith KC7HTK	kc7htkeith@hotmail.com
Tour De Tahoe	9/9/18		Tahoe Amateur Radio Assn	Paul McCaffee KI6OCB	paul.mcafee6243@gmail.com
Reno Air-Races	9/12/18	9/16/18	WC-ARES	Rick Russell KF7KEM	wa6mtv@gbis.com
Edible Pedal 100	9/16/18		Sunrise Rotary Club	Bob Miller WA6MTY	wa6mtv@gbis.com
Grinduro SBTS	TBD		Plumas ARC	Larry Trotter KI6YUK	dltrttr@sbcglobal.net
Nevada Day Parade	10/27/18		NV AREA NW DEC	John Abrott KD7NHC	jabrott77@gmail.com , cell 775 790-1739
Indian Valley Leaf Peep-ers	TBD		Plumas ARC	Larry Trotter KI6YUK	dltrttr@sbcglobal.net

NOTE: Plumas ARC always have a need for operators. Go over to some beautiful country and help out the Plumas Amateur Radio Club

KA7FOO "HAM RADIO" 1 Day Topics Series

Where: Regional Emergency Operations Center (REOC)

5195 Spectrum Blvd Reno, NV 89506

Why To further your / our knowledge **Who You** - Student **Who Me** - Instructor

Info ka7foo@gmail.com

Please email me your suggestions for topics

When

What

Feb 1	Thurs	1800 - 2100	Ham Station Computer Network Security
Feb 8	Thurs	1400 - 1600	Radio and Antenna Selection
Feb 17	Sat	1200 - 1500	HF Digital Basics
Feb 17	Sat	1500 - 1800	HF Digital Advanced
Feb 22	Thurs	1800 - 2100	From Grounding System to Antenna System
Mar 1	Thurs	1800 - 2100	Ham Station Test Equipment
Mar 10	Sat	1200 - 1800	Antenna Design & Theory
Mar 15	Thurs	1800 - 2000	DX Stations and Operations (K5RC)
Mar 22	Thurs	1800 - 2000	Cross-Band and Mini-Peaters

Board of Directors Meeting

January 10, 2018 – 6:00 PM

Great Basin Brewery, Reno

DRAFT MINUTES - To Be Approved on February 14, 2018

1. Call to order at 6:00 PM

Anthony Marcin, W7XM	Yes	Barry Bettman, K6ST	Yes	Rob Dunbar, NB6C
Bill Jones, AE7OX	Yes	John Byerly, N7ROJ	Yes	Wes Vick, KG7QXE
Jim Shepherd, W6US	Yes			
Visitors None				

2. Approval of Minutes

NB6C moved to approve the Minutes from 8/16/17 meeting. N7ROJ seconded the motion and the motion passed.
NB6C moved to approve the agenda as presented. N7ROJ seconded the motion and the motion passed.

3. Reports

President's Report – Looking to self-insure for losses.

Secretary Report

Status Report –No Report

Membership Coordinator – No Report

Treasurer

Banking balances as of December 31, 2017: Checking: \$4,835 Savings: \$5,302 PayPal: Self Insurance: \$610
\$4,071 Convention Fund: \$8,395 for a total of \$23,213

AE7OX moved that for each renewal \$10 will go to self insure and \$5 to savings account. Motion second by NB6C and motion passed.

Technical Committee - Report

Status – Working with City of Reno to get internet access for Grand Sierra Resort. Carson DMR is now up.
N7ROJ is donating Microteck wireless links to SNARS. East side is working well. Waiting for Pat to finish 440. Dave Metz is donating a 5 port combiner.

Control Operators / Trustee - Report

No Report

Events

Nevada QSO Party – Working on website.
Nevada Convention (NVCON) – NVCON planning meeting at 1/24/18
SNARS 50th Anniversary – May have something special during NVCON

Education Team

No Report

Noon Net

Going well.

HF Team

4. New Business

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be February 14, 2018 - Wednesday at 6:00PM

6. Public Comments

7. Adjournment at 6:36 PM by NB6C 2nd by N7ROJ